Setting up of SEZs in Tamil Nadu

873. SHRIT.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Approval is considering setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) at various locations in the country;

(b) if so, the locations under considerations in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the incentive and facilities likely to be given to the proposed SEZs?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Approvals have been granted for setting up of the SEZs in Chennai, Sriperumbudur, Coimbatore, Siruseri and Kanchipuram. Proposals have been received for setting up of the SEZs in Siruseri, Chennai, Kanceepuram, Coimbatore, Krishnagiri etc.

(c) The major incentives offered to units in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to promote exports include duty free import/ domestic procurement of goods, exemption from Central Sales Tax on supplies made from Domestic Tariff Area, exemption from service tax and 100% income tax exemption for the first 5 years, 50% for the next 5 years and 50% of ploughed back profits for the next 5 years.

Ban on export of Iron-Ore

874. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel producers and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) have demanded total ban on export of iron-ore;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the total export of iron-ore during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that other countries where iron-ore deposits are available, export only the finished products; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the above requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):